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SUBJ: RUMORS OF US INTERFERENCE NIGERIAN AFFAIRS

REF: LAGOS 2253

1. NEW BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER SIMEON SAYS HE HAS HEARD ACCUSATIONS FROM SOURCES IBADAN COCKTAIL CIRCUIT THAT CIA IS BEHIND UDOJI UNREST IN ORDER DISRUPT NIGERIAN ECONOMY AND GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE ULTIMATE CONTROL NIGERIAN OIL. HE HAS RIDICULED SUCH NOTIONS BUT FINDS THEIR EXISTENCE DISTURBING. HE WAS CURIOUSLY RELUCTANT TO IDENTIFY SOURCES, DESCRIBING THEM AT FIRST ONLY AS NUMEROUS. PROBING REVEALED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY DID NOT INCLUDE FMG OR USG OFFICIALS AND DID INCLUDE ONE OR MORE LEBANESE.

2. ANOTHER RUMOR ON SUBJECT USG INTERFERENCE REACHED ME THIRD HAND BUT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO MID-WEST MANAGER BARCLAY'S BANK, WHO IS SAID TO HAVE EXPRESSED UNEASE OVER ACCUSATIONS UNIDENTIFIED US AGENTS WERE STIRRING CURRENT CAMPUS DISTURBANCES. MAMIOUR INTEREST MIGHT BE IN SUCH DISTURBANCES NOT MENTIONED.

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3. COMMENT: I SUSPECT PARA 1 ALLEGATION MAY ORIGINATE WITH

OR BE DELIBERATELY SPREAD BY ONE OR MORE OF SEVERAL LEBANESE
HERE WHO ARE CRITICAL OUR SUPPORT ISRAEL AND SEE CIA UNDER
EVERY BED. IF THIS HYPOTHESIS CORRECT, MONGERS MAY BE MERELY
INDULGING IN PERSONAL MALICIOUS FANTASIES - BUT THEY MAY ALSO BE
CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM AN ARAB GOVERNMENT. WHETHER
COORDINATED AND INTENDED OR CASUAL, THERE SEEMS TO BE DISTURBING
POSSIBILITY THESE DISCREDITING RUMORS HAVE REACHED FMG AND MAY
PARTLY ACCOUNT FOR REFTEL DEMARCHE.

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